

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 7 and 25 through 31 are pending, with Claims 1 and 25 being independent.

All claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,835,133 (Moreton, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,408,265 (Sasaki). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, inter alia, (a) memory means arranged both as a buffer of the display means and as a buffer of the recording means so that the display means displays an image through the memory means and the recording means records the image on the recording medium through the memory means, in combination with (b) a plurality of image pickup means for picking up a plurality of images of an object.

Claim 25 recites, inter alia, (a) a storing step using a memory both as a buffer in the display step and as a buffer in the recording step so that the display step display an image through the memory and the recording step records the image on the recording medium through the memory, in combination with (b) picking up a plurality of images of an object with a plurality of image pickup means.

The Official Action acknowledges that Moreton, et al. fails to disclose or suggest features (a) of Claims 1 and 25, and therefore relies upon Sasaki. Applicants respectfully submit that Sasaki shows, e.g., memory circuits 88, which are read under the control of second control means 91, as well as D/A converters 89, and second signal processing circuit 90 which outputs PAL TV signals or other TV signals to monitor 35,

where alternatively the output is supplied to a PAL VTR or other image recording unit 78 (e.g., col. 16, line 46 through col. 17, line 4). However, Applicants respectfully submit that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to attempt to modify Moreton, et al. with the memory circuits 88 or other structure of Sasaki, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, so as to arrive at the above-discussed combinations of features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1 and 25.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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